

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 100**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Alejo**

February 19, 2014

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to relations with El Salvador.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 100, as introduced, Alejo. Relations with El Salvador.

This measure would extend an invitation to the people of El Salvador to join California and commit to the development of programs to foster social, economic, educational, scientific, and cultural programs in order to strengthen the democratization process and economic development of El Salvador and to promote economic ties and to improve international understanding and goodwill.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, El Salvador and California are economic centers
- 2 for commercial, industrial, and financial business; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Salvadoran-Americans constitute the second largest
- 4 Latino community in California, numbering close to 600,000
- 5 throughout the State and 6 percent of all immigrants nationwide;
- 6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, El Salvador and California share common cultural
- 8 ties, similar early history during the Spanish colonization, and
- 9 strong family ties among sectors of their populations, and the Cities
- 10 of Los Angeles and San Francisco have the largest concentration
- 11 of Salvadoran-Americans in California; and

1 WHEREAS, Although El Salvador and California share a great  
2 deal in common, they are sufficiently different that both would  
3 benefit from increased trade, investment, tourism, cultural,  
4 educational, and scientific exchanges; and

5 WHEREAS, California's educational and academic  
6 communities, through casework and research studies carried out  
7 by prestigious research institutions, have recognized the significant  
8 economic, cultural migratory, and political contributions of the  
9 Salvadoran-American community in California; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of California is  
11 committed to encouraging relationships and exchanges between  
12 California and other regions of the world in order to promote better  
13 economic ties, understanding, and cultural relations; and

14 WHEREAS, Salvadoran-American workers in California support  
15 our economy with indispensable labor, which in turn provides  
16 remittances in El Salvador, totaling 16.7 percent of El Salvador's  
17 gross domestic product in 2012, the largest percentage in any Latin  
18 county; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States prospered from a \$692.6 million  
20 trade surplus with El Salvador in 2013; and

21 WHEREAS, El Salvador has been recognized by President  
22 Obama's Presidential Policy Directive on Global Development as  
23 one of four select countries chosen based on data indicating  
24 economic gains resulting from increased foreign investment and  
25 trade between both nations; and

26 WHEREAS, Establishing a relationship between El Salvador  
27 and California would help achieve these goals, and would stimulate  
28 and facilitate additional mutually beneficial exchanges in cities  
29 such as Los Angeles and San Salvador; and

30 WHEREAS, El Salvador is committed to developing a  
31 cooperative relationship with California; now, therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California,  
34 on behalf of the people of the State of California, hereby extends  
35 an invitation to the people of El Salvador to join California and  
36 commit to the development of programs to foster social, economic,  
37 educational, scientific, and cultural programs in order to strengthen  
38 the democratization process and economic development of El  
39 Salvador and to promote economic ties and improve international  
40 understanding and goodwill; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
2 of this resolution to the President of the El Salvador and the  
3 Governor of California.

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